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In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.015126.

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Examiner: C. Hewitt, II

Application No.: 09/783,073

Group Art Unit: 3621

Filed: February 15, 2001

Date: March 28, 2006

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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Respectfully submitted,



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